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SUBJ: HOPE COMPUTER CASE- PRODUCTION RESUMED AFTER  
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PROTEST STRIKE

REF: COPENHAGEN 999, 1884, 2037

1. ALTHOUGH PROTEST ACTION SPREAD TO SOME NEW FACTORIES  
TODAY, GENERALLY SPEAKING INDUSTRIAL WORK PLACES HAVE  
RETURNED TO NORMAL. KASTRUP AIRPORT WAS IN FULL NORMAL  
OPERATION AS OF 2300 HOURS AUGUST 27. COPENHAGEN FREE  
PORT, OTHER PORTS AND SHIPYARDS THROUGHOUT DENMARK, AND  
THE FEW SMALLER FERRY LINES WHICH WERE AFFECTED BY WORK  
STOPPAGE WERE ALL BACK TO NORMAL OPERATION.

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2. LATEST ESTIMATE OF THE EXTENT OF WORK STOPPAGES AT PEAK POINT AUGUST 27 BEARS OUT DANISH EMPLOYERS FEDERATION'S (DA) IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS MOST EXTENSIVE "SPONTANEOUS" ACTION IN MANY EARS. PRESS SOURCES ESTIMATE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORKERS ABSENT AT 50 - 100 THOUSAND. IN THE METAL INDUSTRY ALONE, ABOUT 30 THOUSAND WORKERS LEFT JOBS, APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL WORK FORCE IN THAT SECTOR.

3. UNIONS INVOLVED IN PROTEST STOPPAGES WERE PRIMARILY THOSE IN BASIC INDUSTRIAL SECTORS; GENERAL AND SPECIAL WORKERS UNION (HARBOR WORKERS, TRANSPORT WORKERS, UNSKILLED METAL WORKERS), AND METAL WORKERS UNION (SKILLED METAL WORKERS, SHIPYARD WORKERS, AIRCRAFT MECHANICS). WHITE COLLAR AND SERVICE SECTORS WERE GENERALLY NOT AFFECTED. HOWEVER, LEFTIST TYPOGRAPHERS UNION JOINED PROTEST ACTION WITH RESULT THAT TWO LARGEST DAILY PAPERS, BERLINGSKE TEDENDE AND POLITIKEN, WERE NOT PUBLISHED THIS MORNING.

4. PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF PROTEST MOVEMENT (AS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT WORK PLACES) HAS BEEN INJUSTICE OF COURT DECISION. VERDICT IS ASSAILED AS EXAMPLE OF CLASS PREJUDICE BY ANTI-LABOR JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND AS AN ABRIDGMENT OF WORKERS RIGHT TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION. DATE FOR APPELLATE COURT TRIAL NOT YET SET BUT WILL PROBABLY BE WITHIN THREE MONTHS. PROTEST RESOLUTIONS THREATEN EVEN WIDER STRIKE IF APPELLATE COURT DOES NOT ACQUIT ALL UNION LEADERS.  
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